

## TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

## FLOCKING TO PARIS—NEWSPAPER TRANSFER—OBSERVATORY.

San Francisco, March 30.—Nothing that President Harrison has done has caused as much satisfaction here as his nomination to the foreign mission. All have been received with favor, and the policy of recognizing the leaders of the Republican press, and the Irishmen who were mainly instrumental in bringing over their countrymen from the Free-trade party, has been especially commended. The appointment of L. B. Mims as Minister to the Central American States is an excellent one, as he speaks Spanish like a native and has had diplomatic experience in our Legation at the City of Mexico.

Overland trains going East are crowded now with wealthy San Francisco people on their way to the Pacific Exposition. Such a rush abroad has not been known since the Great Panama, when every one had a fortune to spend. The Golden Gate Special, the sumptuous vestibule train which, it was feared, would not pay expenses, is crowded, and will be run twice every week if the demand for seats continues. The hotels are crowded with Eastern tourists who have come to Southern California. A large number of these visitors return home by way of the Northern Pacific, passing over the magnificent scenic route of the new California and Oregon Railroad.

The Southern Pacific Company, during the present season, will put on a fast train to Santa Cruz, thus adding greatly to the attractions of this popular seaside resort, which is the Manhattan Beach of San Francisco.

The accidental shooting of a white man by Chinese henchmen, who were intent on killing a troublesome Mongolian witness in a criminal suit, has led the authorities to issue stringent orders for the arrest of all Chinese found with concealed weapons. This shooting took place in broad daylight, in one of the most crowded thoroughfares of the Chinese quarters. The wounded man may live, but the doctors give small hope of his recovery.

The jury in the case of Ciprico, charged with selling return Chinese certificates which should have been cancelled, acquitted the prisoner. It is probable that the whole gang, who have made a fortune out of this traffic, will go free, except Hinz, who was sent to San Quentin.

Major H. Holmes, a veteran of the war and a prominent Grand Army man, died this week. Four years ago he was elected Junior Vice-Commander of the State National Guard. Major Holmes was the leading candidate for head of the Pension Office in this city.

Miss F. M. Anshu, for many years a prominent teacher in the public schools, died on Thursday. Eleven years ago she went to Fresno, bought land, planted it to grapes, and made raisins, being the first woman on the Coast to engage in this industry, which has proved very profitable.

"The San Francisco Evening Post" has been purchased by George B. Henselton, for several years Washington correspondent of "The San Francisco Chronicle," and a young newspaper man of much ability. He proposes to make a thorough newspaper of it.

The fine new Russian ironclad Admiral Nachimov is expected here in a short time. She was at Hong Kong at last reports, about to cross the Pacific.

Labor Commissioner Tobin proposes to enforce the new law passed by the Legislature, requiring proprietors of stores to employ female clerks to furnish them with seats.

The Alvarado Sugar Refinery, the pioneer beet sugar refinery in California, was sold this week to the Alameda Sugar Company, a new corporation, with a capital of \$250,000. The price paid was \$180,000.

Letters received here from Walter E. Bryant, zoologist of the California Academy of Science, show that he is making a collection of animals and plants in the interior of the peninsula of north to explore the interior of the peninsula to secure at least 100 specimens of new species of birds, as well as many botanical treasures.

Passenger citizens are taking great interest in the new observatory of the University of Southern California, on Mount Wilson, in Los Angeles County. A wagon road will be built to the summit, and \$100,000 has been expended on the buildings. A forty-inch telescope has been ordered, and a thirty-inch telescope from Harvard arrived, and will be mounted immediately.

## CHICAGO'S LOCAL CANVASS.

## A WARM FIGHT FOR THE MAYORALTY—THE THEATRES—ICE MEN FORM A TRUST.

Chicago, March 30.—Politics has been the all-absorbing topic in Chicago this week, and there is now going on there a more exciting local campaign than has been known since the days of the great Democratic party.

The papers have been giving their space to the campaign and all sorts of charges, serious and ridiculous, against all the candidates have been bandied back and forth. A week ago the best informed politicians were unanimous in their belief that the Republican ticket had a "walk-over," but as election day approaches they are less confident, and a close fight is now predicted by less experienced, and a close fight is now predicted by less experienced, and a close fight is now predicted by less experienced.

The Tribune, "The Republic," "The Inter-Ocean," and "The Journal" are, of course, supporting the Republican ticket. "The State-Zeitung" supports the Republican ticket. "The Times," "The Evening Post," and "The News" are doing everything for the Democratic ticket, and are doing everything for the Democratic ticket, and are doing everything for the Democratic ticket.

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three boxes on each side of the stage and a number of adjoining seats in the orchestra were packed with representatives of the club. There were about thirty of them in the boxes, all dressed in evening dress and each one of them with a boutonniere of pink carnations in his coat. In the adjoining seats were the members of the club, at least not wearing dress clothes, their only distinguishing mark being the pink boutonniere, which seems to have been adopted as a badge. The whole party, varying in age from eighteen to sixty years, were evidently anxious to impress the Gaiety girls or the audience and succeed in doing both.

An unusual degree of interest has been manifested in the coming week show of the Mascot and Keno Club, and judging from the entries which closed last Sunday the show will go away ahead of anything ever held in the West. The show shows about 600 dogs and among them are some of the best known in the country. The prominent specialty clubs have contributed to the premium list. The club intends to build an unpretentious club-house with grounds occupied for summer and winter sports, and to have large kennels where dogs owned by members may be kept.

In spite of the fact that the newspapers have all plucked into "the Emerald" uncertainty, the Gaiety Club is repeating its New-York success in Chicago. At every performance, so far, the Grand Opera House has been crowded, and they opened Monday and their engagement is for a month. The second week of Robinson and Crane in "The Henrietta" at the Chicago Opera House has been successful as the first, and they are now being crowded out. At the Columbia German company from Amberg's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" have been doing fairly well, and the company, which includes Miss Marie Walther and Miss M. McKiver's have had very large audiences.

The weather during most of the week here has been a little snow storm and a return of the cold. On the whole, however, the season is fully four weeks ahead of the average Chicago spring.

## NOW THE INTEREST GROWS.

## A LIVELY WEEK IN BASEBALL PROMISED.

## LOCAL PLAYERS PRACTISING FOR THE COMING CONTESTS—PLANS FOR THE RECEPTION TO THE GLOBETROTTERS.

The present week will be a lively one in baseball circles. The few games that have already been played have signified nothing. The games this week are likely to be more interesting and from this time out the struggle for supremacy on the green diamond field will attract more comment. The New-York Brooklyn and Jersey City players have been hard at work lately, and are now reducing their superfluous flesh and all of them having their muscles in good shape. The Brooklyn players have been hard at work during the winter months of Illinois. The New-York players are taking more exercise this year than during any former season. They have been at work at the Polo Grounds every day during the last week. The Brooklyn players have also been hard at work. This robust exercise after many months of idleness has had a bad effect on the men. They are stiff and sore and move about like unfortunate mortals with rheumatism in their joints. It is as if they had been in the tropics, and they are now in the north for them to eat, walk, or move about, and their only real happiness is when they are sound asleep. This soreness will, however, wear off in a day or two and the men will then enter upon their duties with more cheerfulness and grace. The Giants felt so bad on Thursday night after a hard day's work at the Polo Grounds that only one of the eighteen players attended. The performance at a local theatre where a box had been placed at the disposal of the team.

The Chicago and All-America teams have nearly made a circuit of the globe, and are now on the Atlantic coast. They sailed on the Adriatic on Thursday, and with fair wind and weather will arrive in this city on Friday or Saturday at the latest. Arrangements have been made for their reception on their arrival on the steamer and brought up to the city. If they should arrive on Saturday morning, as is now generally expected, they will immediately be taken to the Hotel Astor, where quarters have been secured for them. When they are taken to the hotel, they will be taken to Washington Park, Brooklyn, to witness the final game of the series between the New-York and Brooklyn clubs. In the evening they will attend the performance at Palmer's Theatre, where boxes have been placed at their disposal. Sunday will be given up to receiving their friends and securing several hours of rest, which by that time the players will undoubtedly be much in need of. On Monday afternoon the Chicago and All-America teams are scheduled to play at the Polo Grounds, but whether the game can be played there or not is still uncertain. In case the Polo Grounds difficulty is not cleared up, it is barely possible that this game will be played in Brooklyn. On Monday evening the long-talked-of dinner will be held at Delmonico's. Among the speakers will be Chauncey M. Depew, who will deliver the principal oration; Daniel Dougherty, Mark Twain, Erasmus W. Cowley, Howard Morgan, S. B. Gulliver, J. W. Foster, W. H. McKoy and A. G. Mills, chairman. Mr. Depew never before delivered a baseball oration, and his friends are expecting a most interesting and original address. He is spending more time on the preparation of this address than on any other speech he ever made. He went down to a sporting goods house the other day and purchased boxes pertaining to baseball in order to familiarize himself with later-day baseball lore.

A story was published the other day that Ernest Wiman had said he would spend \$50,000 to form the Giants of Manhattan Island and down to St. George, Staten Island. The story, of course, has no foundation in fact. Mr. Wiman denies that he ever made such a remark, although he would probably be glad if the Giants did eventually decide to occupy his property at St. George. Mr. Wiman is said to have spent \$117,000 two years ago to fit up St. George for the purpose of forming a baseball club. The grounds are undoubtedly the handsomest in the country, and grand stands, players' clubhouse, cafe, and dining rooms, all have superior accommodations to those of any other ball ground. The Metropolitan were, as was generally expected, a failure, and only lasted one season. It is said that Mr. Wiman lost, in round numbers, nearly \$50,000 of his experience in dabbling in baseball. If the Giants decide to go to Staten Island, this sum will be quickly made up, and the people will be glad to see the Metropolitan club not draw a single dollar from the pockets of the people. At that time the Metropolitan Club was such a ramshackle organization that they would not have drawn paying crowds if they had been playing in City Hall Park. The New-York would, undoubtedly, draw immense crowds to Staten Island, provided the travelling facilities to and from the little island in the Bay were adequate to meet the demands of the enthusiasts. There are only two objections to be found against going to Staten Island. The first is the expense of the trip, and the second is the fact that there is a decided decline at the St. George grounds from right to left field. Still this would not interfere with the New-York team much more than it would with any other. The Chicago club, a few years ago, was compelled to evacuate its ground, then situated in the heart of the city. Friends of the team said that when the club moved to its suburban headquarters, it would lose its patronage and soon give up the ghost. The fact is the case is exactly the opposite. The year before last the Chicago club was greater than it ever had been before, while last year the gate receipts were larger than ever they had been at their old stand, then situated on the site now occupied by the Exposition Building.

The uncertainties surrounding the Boston club are causing the followers of the game in that city a great deal of unnecessary speculation. This team has been got together at a tremendous outlay of capital in one of the best baseball centres of the world, and its income is probably greater than that of any other team in any other League or Association city. Bostonians seem to have set their hearts on securing Ward to captain and manage their nine. They will be disappointed, for that club will play in Boston this year, and the fans who visit that city as a member of some other team. This deliberation in appointing a captain and manager is caused by a flattering hope that they may yet secure the Giants' shortstop, Clarkson, who has been appointed temporary captain and manager, and will probably hold the place for a week or two at the outside. James Hart will be the manager of the Boston, although this announcement may not be officially made for several days yet. The New-York club, Hart's contract with the Boston club will be announced. Hart was formerly the manager of the Louisville club and was more lately connected with many of Spaulding's enterprises. He is just the kind of man they need in Boston to infuse a

little life into their high-priced but slow-moving baseball talent. But the captaincy of the team is held by Kelly for a short time at least. Spaulding has an idea of appointing Hart the secretary and general business manager of the club. This cannot be, however, in case Hart signs with the Boston.

The stockholders of the New-York club do not appear to be troubled with insomnia over the fate of the Polo Grounds, and the probably homeless condition of the Giants. Manager Murrin is different and has a tale of woe to pour into the ear of every listener. "We are cursed and otherwise abused," said he yesterday, "because we did not win the championship. Last year we captured the coveted trophy and as a reward we are to be chased off Manhattan Island." Some peculiar things have come to the attention of one of the property-owners who is putting some effort to have the grounds cut up, has had a recent change of heart. A few years ago he leased a certain piece of property near the Polo Grounds to a tenant for \$2,100 a year, the lease extending over five years. It was stipulated in the lease that the tenant could throw up the contract in case the Polo Grounds were cut up. The same property owner not long ago sold the property and consequently has no further use for the Polo Grounds. The Polo Grounds can be cut up before the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday night. At least five of the city fathers are openly in favor of allowing the grounds to remain as they are, and the other five of the club have no objection to the grounds being cut up. In fact he still believes that the nine will play at the Polo Grounds this year.

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## A DECADE OF WORK BY THE COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

## RAPID GROWTH OF COLLEGE SOCIETY HOMES IN THE CITY—THEIR CLUB-HOUSES.

During the last decade there has come to be a unique element in the club life of the city. In 1879 the Delta Psi fraternity founded the St. Anthony Club—the first club established by a college Greek letter society in New-York. To-day there are in the city nine well-organized and successful Greek letter clubs, with a total membership of nearly 2,000, representing the Delta Kappa Epsilon, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Sigma Phi, Zeta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Psi, and Delta Upsilon fraternities. Although the clubs bear Greek letter names and their membership is limited to the members of the societies they represent, their constitutions and their objects are similar to the other social organizations in the city. There is a certain sentiment, however, attached to these clubs which is not common to other clubs, and which is their characteristic feature. Their members, although representing every institution of learning in the land, have this bond of sympathy: they belong to the same college fraternity. In fact, it may be said that the desire to revive the memories of college days and to keep up the old friendships was the principal motive which led to their organization.